

REMARKS

In the Action, the Office has allowed claims 2 and 7 to 12 and maintained the 35 U.S.C. 102(b) rejection of claims 3 to 6 as being anticipated by Elias et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,549,566; hereinafter "Elias").

Without admitting the propriety of the rejection, claims 3 to 6 have been canceled in order to place the application in condition for allowance. The application now contains claims 2 and 7-12, the claims identified in the Action as being allowed, and claims 13 and 14. Although claims 13 and 14 are not identified in the Action as being allowed (or as being rejected), they depend on allowed claim 2 and thus should also have been identified as being allowed.

The foregoing is believed to be a complete and proper response to the Office Action dated January 10, 2008, and is believed to place this application in condition for allowance. If, however, minor issues remain that can be resolved by means of a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

In the event that this paper is not considered to be timely filed, applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 111833.

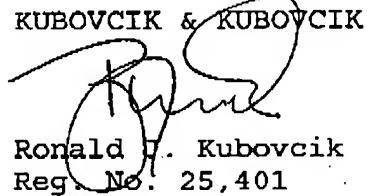
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